

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 24, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 24, 2004. Claims 1-51, which are shown above, remain pending in the application and are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 17-22, 26-27, 29, 31-32, 36, 40, 42-43, and 48-51 are canceled by Applicants without prejudice, and claims 38 and 45 are amended. Removal of the restriction requirement is requested for reasons presented below.

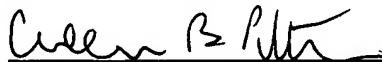
Claims 1-51 are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner states that claims 1-51 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising:

- I. Species of Figures 4-7;
- II. Species of Figures 8-9;
- III. Species of Figures 10-11;
- IV. Species of Figures 12-14;
- V. Species of Figure 15;
- VI. Species of Figure 16;
- VII. Species of Figure 17; and
- VIII. Species of Figure 18.

Applicants elect Group III including the Species of Figures 10-11. Claims 1-16, 23-25, 28, 30, 33-35, 37-39, 41, and 44-47 read on the species of Group III. Applicants therefore elect claims 1-16, 23-25, 28, 30, 33-35, 37-39, 41, and 44-47 for prosecution on the merits, and cancel claims 17-22, 26-27, 29, 31-32, 36, 40, 42-43, and 48-51.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully request removal of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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